



*City of Pittsburgh*  
*Tom Murphy, Mayor*

April 28, 2003

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
104 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Thomas M. Hardiman, Judicial Nominee

Dear Senator Hatch:

I am writing in support of Thomas M. Hardiman, who was nominated on April 9, 2003 to serve on the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. I have served as the Mayor of Pittsburgh since 1994 and I am familiar with Tom's work as a trial lawyer.

For the past several years Tom has served as litigation counsel to the Housing Authority for the City of Pittsburgh, whose Board I appoint. The Housing Authority's efforts to provide safe, sanitary housing are an integral part of my administration's efforts to improve the quality of life for all Pittsburghers.

Tom has handled numerous cases for the Housing Authority and he has prevailed in each one. Most of the cases have involved public safety issues, which are important not only to our public housing residents, but to our entire community. Two of these cases reached the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. In both cases, the Supreme Court reversed lower court rulings that would have undermined our efforts to promote public safety and the general welfare.

In addition to his litigation work, Tom has served the Housing Authority well in its relations with the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. As co-counsel to the Authority in its most recent audit, Tom skillfully handled sensitive issues and exercised good judgment and discretion throughout.

In sum, I recommend Tom Hardiman enthusiastically for the position of U.S. District Judge

Respectfully,

Tom Murphy

cc: The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
The Honorable Viet D. Dinh

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